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**From:** "dlfarrell1" <dlfarrell1@email.msn.com>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 9:20 PM  
**Subject:** I supprot vidoe desvcription

I support the FCC in not retreating from their video description order. I need video description implemented on schedule in April. People who are blind or visually impaired deserve equal access.  
Dave Farrell

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**From:** "Pam Fadem" <pam@ilrcsf.org>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>; "Jessie Lorenz" <jessie@ilrcsf.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 7:01 PM  
**Attach:** pam.vcf  
**Subject:** I support Video Description!

February 28, 2002  
 1518 Dwight Way #8  
 Berkeley, CA 94703

To: Mr. William Caton  
 Secretary, FCC  
 Washington, DC 20554  
 Reference MM Docket no. 99-339

Secretary Caton:

I am writing to you regarding the television industry's compliance with Docket No.99-339 that mandates audio description of broadcast material. The industry has a compliance deadline set for this regulation in April 2002. I understand that the industry is now appealing this deadline. I want to add my voice to millions of others in protesting any extension of this deadline.

Visually impaired and blind people have been denied access to Descriptive Video Services for far too long. The television, movie and cable industries have had access both to the technology and the financial resources to ensure that this sizable part of our population can fully enjoy the educational and entertainment programming that this simple accommodation would afford.

I am asking you to require the television industry to meet the April 2002 deadline and fulfill their responsibility to our communities.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Fadem, MPH

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> >>them in not retreating from their order and we need video

> >>description to be implemented on schedule in April.

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> >> It is urgent that everyone write since the industry has the

> >>money but we have the rights to access. Please write to the

> >>Secretary of the FCC given below, give your name and address, why

> >>you support the requirement that industry start broadcasting DVS  
> >>on schedule and reference MM docket number 99-339. Feel free to  
> >>let the FCC know what you think about the movie, cable, and  
> >>television industry efforts to deny us our ability to access  
> >>information available to everyone else who can se

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**From:** "joyce kleiber" <jmkwgps@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 5:54 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

In my previous message I forgot to reference docket number 99-339. So I am repeating my message to the FCC. Audio description of television programming, cable TV and movies for blind and visually impaired Americans is essential, a right. We have a right to the same cultural, political, emergency, and other programming as our friends and neighbors who have normal eyesight. Audio description of television, cable and movie gives us the chance to have equal access to the media.

I resent the television and movie industry's attack on the FCC's ruling that requires these industries to make audio description more available beginning April, 2002. I have been waiting patiently to have fuller access to the main stream of American life.

Do not change your previous plans to make this happen. This is in reference to docket number 99-339.  
Joyce Kleiber

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**From:** "joyce kleiber" <jmkwgps@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 5:23 PM  
**Subject:** I support vidio description

To the Chairman of the FCC:

I am shocked and angry that the television, cable and movie industry is unwilling to comply with FCC regulation that video description be available beginning in April, 2002. I have been eagerly awaiting the chance to have this service so that I could have the kind of information that my fully sighted friends and neighbors enjoy.

I hope the FCC will continue as planned and not be deterred by the television, cable and movie industries. People who are hearing imaired have had the benefits of closed captioning for several years.

We who are visually impaired have have waited patiently for our rights.

Joyce Kleiber

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**From:** <Chastain32@aol.com>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 4:42 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

I support the FCC in not retreating from their video description order. I need video description implemented on schedule in April.

Thanks,  
Teresa

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**From:** "Damaris" <specialprograms@communityaccesscenter.org>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 4:55 PM  
**Subject:** In support of video description

I am surprise! An industry that prides itself on being socially responsible and doing to right thing in a timely manner is simply failing a significant portion of the population. To deny millions with visual impairment and alike assess of video description for no more than selfish reason is appalling.

I encourage you to do the right thing and do it now!

Damaris Perez  
3076B Panorama Rd.  
Riverside, CA 92506

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**From:** "Maureen" <gorgon@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 5:00 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

I support the FCC in not retreating from their video description order. It is critical that video description be implemented on schedule in April.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Horowitz  
4125 East Douglas  
Wichita, Kansas 67218



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**From:** "Judy Mullen" <judy@pacecil.org>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 5:21 PM  
**Subject:** f support video descriptions!

Judy

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**From:** "Randolph T. Snively" <rsnively@columbus.rr.com>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 4:39 PM  
**Subject:** I Support Video Description

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am Edward R. Snively, live at 4758 Coach Road, Columbus, OH 43220-2961 and have severely imp[impaired vision. Recently, the movie, cable and television industry have been trying to downplay the requirement that the FCC provide audiodescription. You can refer to MN docket number 99-339.

Audiodescription is supposed to start in April. The movie, cable and television industry need to understand that having audiodescription helps blind and sighted viewers. Having more detail about what is going on enables a person to maintain their interest.

Sincerely yours,

Edward R. Snively

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**From:** "Rita Bixby" <GraniteState@wctel.net>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Cc:** <Crippledcricket@surfglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: MMDocket No:99-339, " I support Video Description"

Rita Bixby  
P.O. Box 393  
Abbeville, S.C. 29620

To Whom It May Concern:

First: I support Video description ! I have just become aware that the National Assoc. of Broadcasters, The National Cable Communications Assoc. and Motion Picture Assoc. of America have filed a Petition to stay the implementation of the video descriptive Rule (one month before the industries are required to comply, after already being given an extension) until after the Court Appeal is decided. Another Case of Big business shafting the little man, in this particular case, the Blind. It is about time that the Courts act, when they have given an Order, Enforce it! The Big Business have deep pockets with which to circumvent compliance, Filing Appeal after Appeal, knowing full well they are going to be required to comply in the end, but hoping that the little person will give up. It was the little man (always is) who made them the money they are using to fight him and deprive him of the Right to life, Liberty and THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. The United States Constitution Guaranties the Right to a Trial, but not TRIALS! which is exactly what Appeals are. The ones who have the most money to continue Appeals, quite often win. though not for Justice. It is about time that we have Courts Of Law again in this Country. Each case Judged on it's own Merits! From what I can see the "Industries don't have a leg to stand on." They have already lost or they would not be Appealing. Let the Judgment Stand !.

I support Vido Description. may those who are fighting it, never need it!

Sincerely,  
Rita Bixby

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**From:** "Roland and Francesanne L." <rrlfl@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 6:38 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

Hello. I have a very good friend who is blind, and he tells me of his enjoyment of descriptive videos for the blind. I have also been a minister for the blind some years ago. I understand their vision difficulties, as I have had eye injuries, as a firefighter, that caused my eyes to be covered for a time.

Please make the push for keeping these descriptive services available to all blind and visually impaired persons, without delay, and without pause.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Chaplain Roland R. Lafrance, Sr.

Disabled fire lieutenant-chaplain/LPN

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**From:** "Richard Scott" <rpharley@wt.net>  
**To:** <info@ACB.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 6:36 PM  
**Subject:** Peggy & Richard support descriptive video serv;

Hope this helps Charles!

Peggy and Richard Scott  
Garland, Texas 75043

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**From:** "Mary Haroyan" <mharoyan@charter.net>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 6:04 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

Dear Secretary of the FCC,

I along with so many blind and visually impaired people have been hopeful that video description of television programming would become a reality. It is so very disheartening and exasperating to hear that those with the ability to make this happen, really don't want to. This tells me that there is no regard or respect for those who truly need description in order to be able to get anywhere near the enjoyment and information out of television programming. This last minute attempt to stop description from being implemented while the appeal is being heard; seems like such a sneaky and completely thoughtless action.

Given this behavior, it seems that a much more sensible and visionary thought process is desperately needed. I hope very much that the FCC will provide this leadership and stand by its call for video description, and in the meantime not allow the broadcast industry to continue to forget about blind and visually impaired TV watchers, by putting off what is simply the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding the matter of MM Docket # 99-339.

Sincerely  
Mary Haroyan  
137 King Philip Road  
Worcester, MA 01606

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**From:** "Lisa Gorden" <lgorden@ucdavis.edu>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2002 5:40 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

I am a blind person who does not watch television because it is not fully accessible.

It is important that blind people get the same right to public access that anyone else receives.

Please continue to support implementation of description.

Lisa Gorden

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**From:** "LaVonne Rose" <rosele@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Cc:** <CCrawford@ACB.org>; "Rebecca Rose" <rebrose@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2002 11:36 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

Mr William Caton, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re:MM Docket no. 99-339

Dear Mr. William Caton:

I am writing to say that I object to the request of the movie, cable and broadcast industry to keep from implementing video description. Video description has opened the door for many to see movies and television for the first time.

Prior to video description, my daughter watched television and movies but missed a lot of the subtle nuances that the actors communicate with out speaking. My daughter has a visual impairment and throughout the years depends on oral cues to understand what is going on. She has over the years preferred to read large print books, but, that is fatiguing for pleasure reading. At least she does not miss the actions of the characters if the author is skillful in portraying them.

She has had a taste of the technology and looks forward to movies and television. She gets the message of the movies and TV thru the technology that video description technology has provided in recent years. Video description opens entertainment that has been closed before to her because of her handicap.

Video description is a benefit for all. Even those of us who are fully sighted miss more then we think and this tools just brings it to our attention. This product adds to the quality of what is being presented.

Send a signal of support for the blind and visually impaired community, and give them equal access to movie and TV programming.

I urge you to oppose the request and support this critical movement for access.

Sincerely,

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LaVonne Rose

3605 Red Oak Circle  
Orange Park, Florida 32073

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**From:** <arakela@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2002 12:46 AM  
**Subject:** I support video description

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**From:** <HBT2PAT@aol.com>  
**To:** <Info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2002 11:47 PM  
**Subject:** I support video description

February 26, 2002

Mr. William Caton, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 15th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 29554

RE: MM Docket No. 99-339

Sir:

I have heard from a friend who is legally blind that she really wants better access to television programing. Apparently "video description" would greatly increase her enjoyment of the entertainment and information that TV has to offer to us all. I do, of course, know how much we sighted people enjoy TV and I would imagine it is even more important to persons whose mobility and activities are severely limited by their inability to see.

Please represent this point of view held by those who are visually handicapped to the Commission.

Thank you,  
Patricia A. Taliaferro  
1908 Huntington Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

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**From:** "David T W Chan" <david@mictlan.sfsu.edu>  
**To:** <info@acb.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2002 12:01 AM  
**Subject:** I support video description

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**From:** "Bruce Meissner" <ecurb812@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2002 12:09 AM  
**Subject:** I support video discription

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge you to push for video discript movies and television.

thanks

Bruce Meissner

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**From:** "Heidi Joshi" <hjoshimft@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2002 1:14 AM  
**Subject:** I support video description

I am writing to express my outrage that video description is in jeopardy. If there is anything I can do to assist in the efforts to keep description as a priority in these media industries, please let me know.

Heidi Joshi

Heidi Joshi, M.S.  
[hjoshimft@earthlink.net](mailto:hjoshimft@earthlink.net)

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February 25, 2002

Mr. William Caton, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St SW  
Washington, DC 20554.  
Reference MM Docket no. 99-339.

Dear Mr. William Caton:

My name is John A. Fleming, and I am a fifty-eight year old blinded veteran; a member of the American Council Of The Blind on the national, state and local level; a resident and land owner in Oregon and a huge fan of television. It is my understanding that you have received a petition to stay the implementation of the video description rule until after a court appeal is decided. It is also my understanding that this petition is from the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Cable Telecommunications Association and the Motion Picture Association of America.

I m outraged to hear that an industry that argues itself to be so-called socially responsible is so irresponsible when it comes to the needs of the blind and visually impaired people from all over this nation. We have waited a long time to have access to television programming with video description, and when it finally is promised the partys responsible make an eleventh hour appeal to deny us our ability to access information available to everyone else who can see the television.

It is my hope that you and the Federal Communications Commission will deny this appeal and allows us; the blind and visually impaired, access to television just like everyone else in this wonderful country of ours. Please support the requirement that the television industry start broadcasting DVS on schedule. Please refer to MM docket number 99-339.

I am confident that you will do the right thing and allow me and the rest of the blind and visually impaired community access to television. Please do not let me down and allow this undeniable right to be taken away before it even happens.

Thank you

Sincerely

Blue Skies

John A. Fleming  
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Williams, Or. 97544  
(541) 846-6981  
[bj2kiowa@internetcds.com](mailto:bj2kiowa@internetcds.com)



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**From:** "John A. Fleming" <bj2kiowa@internetcds.com>  
**To:** <Info@ACB.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2002 12:52 AM  
**Attach:** fcc letter for a c b with correcgtion.doc  
**Subject:** "I support video"

Attached is the corrected letter.

Blue Skies

John

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